

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete paragraph [0017] and replace the following therefor:

Guide wire 30 is not limited to including eyelets 46, but rather guide wire body 44 may be any substantially planar shape that enables apparatus 10 to perform as described herein. For example, in the exemplary embodiment shown in Figure 2, ~~body 10~~ body 44 is substantially serpentine shaped, in the exemplary embodiment shown in Figure 3, ~~body 10~~ body 44 is substantially sinusoidal shaped, and in the exemplary embodiment shown in Figure 4, ~~body 10~~ body 44 is substantially zigzagged shaped. In other embodiments, body 10 extends substantially non-linearly between ends 40 and 42.

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In the exemplary embodiment illustrated in Figure 6, body 46 includes a plurality of loops or coupling mechanisms 80 which may be selectively used to stretch wire 30 to facilitate activation of wire 30. In alternative embodiments, body 46 and/or ends 40 or 42 includes a plurality of coupling mechanisms 80 which may be selectively used to stretch wire 30 to facilitate activation of wire 30. In other embodiments, ends 40 and/or 42 are crimpable to enable ends 40 and 42 to be affixed once wire 30 has been activated. Guide wire 30 is not limited to only including loops 80, and may include different coupling mechanisms at different locations along wire 30. Moreover, wire coupling mechanisms 30 are not limited to being only loops 80, but rather guide wire 30 may include other coupling mechanisms, such as, but not limited to, hooks, clamps, ornaments, or clips.

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